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'Together, we can impact lives'

June 1, 2012

Dear Friends:

"The Church's deepest nature is expressed in her three-fold responsibility: of proclaiming the Word of God, celebrating the sacraments and exercising the ministry of charity. These duties presuppose each other and are inseparable," *God is Love (Deus caritas est)*, 25.

With these words our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI, describes the presence of the Church. That reality is manifested in a wide range of activities that touch our lives and those of our neighbors in many important ways. This *Catholic Impact* booklet shares with you the story of how, quietly each and every day in our community, lives are changed through the Archdiocese of Washington's Catholic education, social services and health care programs.

Catholic Impact is a story of faith, service, innovation and partnership.

All of our works reflect Jesus' call to us to be his disciples and to manifest and build up his kingdom in today's world, by sharing his love and hope with others. In the Sermon on the Mount, we hear of a new way of life and how it involves the merciful, those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, those who mourn, the peacemakers, the poor in spirit. Here we learn of the call to be salt of the earth and a light set on a lamp stand. In the same Gospel, we hear the extraordinary dictum that we should see in one another the very presence of Christ. Jesus' disciples are challenged to envision a world where not only the hungry are fed, the thirsty are given drink, the stranger is welcomed and the naked are clothed, but also most amazingly, sins are forgiven and eternal life is pledged. That same vision and mission continues today.

Catholic schools in the Washington area, which now number nearly 100, began when our country did. Today they continue with innovative programs like the global learning curriculum at Saint Francis International School in Silver Spring, Maryland and the inner-city schools of the Consortium of Catholic Academies in the heart of D.C. The moral values and excellent academics offered in our many elementary and secondary schools form students to be our future leaders.

President Lincoln signed the charter for Providence Hospital in 1864, and today it continues as one of three Catholic hospitals in the area, providing state-of-the-art health care and millions of dollars of uncompensated care to the poor each year.

Our Catholic Charities in the Archdiocese of Washington brought hope to people during the Great Depression, and today it continues to help people rebuild their lives in the digital age. Catholic Charities, through its network of 75 programs in 48 locations, is the largest private provider of social services in the area, serving more than 100,000 people in need each year.

We don't work alone. Innovative partnerships between the archdiocese, government agencies and local businesses have enabled Victory Housing to grow from its first home for the frail elderly in 1984, built in a former convent in Rockville, to 25 affordable housing communities for seniors and working families throughout the area.

Not that far from the District of Columbia in 1634, the first Catholics arrived in the colonies that later formed the United States. The celebration of Mass at Saint Clement's Island on March 25, 1634, marked the beginning of an unbroken line of continuity in faith, celebration and service that is made manifest in so many ways today. From those modest beginnings has come forth a Church that embraces people from every continent and numerous ethnic and cultural backgrounds, a faith family that includes women and men, young and old. In over 140 parishes and missions, the Archdiocese of Washington continues to respond to the ancient call to be a community of faith, celebration and compassionate care.

My hope in sharing this information about the many activities of the Catholic Church in this area is that we, together, can grow in appreciation of this vast range of involvement and find even new and better ways to work together to provide more educational opportunities to our young people, and bring help and hope to the poor and healing to the sick. Together we can not only serve our neighbors, friends and our future, but we can impact their lives and our own.

Faithfully in Christ,

Donald Cardinal Wuerl
Archbishop of Washington





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RAFAEL CRISOSTOMO

In this photo taken at the beginning of Lent 2012, people preparing to join the Catholic Church participate in the Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. At Easter 2012, more than 1,100 people throughout the Archdiocese of Washington became full members of the Catholic Church.

The Catholic Church in the Archdiocese of Washington

- Cardinal Donald Wuerl is the Archbishop of Washington.
- Includes the District of Columbia and five surrounding Maryland counties of St. Mary's, Charles, Calvert, Prince George's and Montgomery.
- More than 600,000 Catholics.
- 140 parishes and nine missions.
- Masses celebrated in more than 20 different languages.
- 98 Catholic elementary schools, high schools and early learning centers, serving nearly 28,000 students.
- Three Catholic universities – The Catholic University of America, Georgetown University and Trinity Washington University.
- Catholic Charities programs serving more than 100,000 men, women and children.
- Victory Housing providing affordable housing for more than 1,600 low- and moderate-income senior citizens and families.
- Three Catholic hospitals – Providence Hospital, MedStar Georgetown University Hospital in Washington and Holy Cross Hospital in Silver Spring – providing millions of dollars in charitable care.
- New Catholic hospital affiliated with Holy Cross Hospital under construction in Germantown to serve that growing part of the region.



Each day, the Archdiocese of Washington shares Christ's love and hope with others

On an unforgettable spring morning in April 2008, the new Nationals Park in Washington was transformed from a baseball stadium to an outdoor cathedral for the Papal Mass celebrated by Pope Benedict XVI.

The congregation of 50,000 people from across the country and throughout the Washington area greeted the Holy Father with a standing ovation and thunderous applause. Pope Benedict XVI smiled warmly and raised his arms wide as if to return the crowd's embrace.

In his homily, the Pope said he had come to the United States as “a witness to ‘Christ our hope.’” He encouraged the nation’s Catholics to transform the world by sharing Christ’s love and hope with others. “Those who have hope must live different lives!” Pope Benedict said. “By your prayers, by the witness of your faith, by the fruitfulness of your charity, may you point the way toward that vast horizon of hope which God is even now opening up to his Church and indeed to all humanity: the vision of a world reconciled and renewed in Christ Jesus, our Savior.”

Cardinal Donald Wuerl, Archbishop of Washington, had welcomed the Holy Father, saying the congregation that prayed with him that day in Nationals Park reflected the face of the Catholic Church in America – people who come from many lands and who speak many languages but who share one faith.

In a special way, the people of the Archdiocese of Washington reflect that face of the Church in their diversity and in their shared mission of manifesting God’s kingdom in today’s world. From colonial times to the digital age, they have been people of prayer and action, and they continue as witnesses to Christ’s hope every day through their support of a broad network of educational, healthcare and charitable outreach programs.

Each day throughout the archdiocese, in their homes, in small chapels, in convents, in parish churches, in seminaries, in cars and at work, people begin and end their days in prayer.



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A woman and child attend Mass at St. Camillus Church in Silver Spring.



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Parishioners from St. Peter in Waldorf lead French pilgrims on a fall 2011 tour of the Brick Chapel at St. Mary's City. The reconstructed chapel is built on the site of the original one from 1667, and it stands today as a monument to Maryland's status as the birthplace of religious freedom in the United States.



ARCHDIOCESE OF WASHINGTON PHOTO BY PAUL FETTERS

Sister Gloria Agumagu, the principal of St. Augustine School in Washington, visits with students Erick Anders Jr. and Noah Mozelle. The school continues its historic educational legacy in the nation's capital.

The Archdiocese of Washington includes the nation's capital and the five Maryland counties surrounding the District of Columbia – St. Mary's, Charles, Calvert, Prince George's and Montgomery. The 603,000 Catholics in the archdiocese include newly arrived immigrants from nearly every continent, and people whose ancestors immigrated here over the last four centuries. Each weekend, Masses are celebrated in more than 20 languages, including Vietnamese, Korean, Chinese, Polish, Portuguese, French, and American Sign Language. Spanish-language Masses are celebrated at 30 locations to serve the nearly 200,000 Catholics of Hispanic ancestry living in the community. The archdiocese also includes 100,000 Catholics of African and Caribbean descent.

Legacy of Faith

As a family of faith, the people of the Archdiocese of Washington are mindful of their heritage and living legacy. In 1634, the first Catholic Mass in the 13 original colonies was celebrated at St. Clement's Island in what is now Southern Maryland, and the new Maryland colony became the birthplace of religious freedom in the future United States.

From the time those first Catholic settlers knelt in prayer at St. Clement's Island, the life of the Catholic community in what is now the Archdiocese of Washington has been rooted in a foundation of prayer. People who live along city streets, in suburban neighborhoods and in the rural countryside find a spiritual home in the archdiocese's 140 parishes and nine missions.

Each day throughout the archdiocese, in their homes, in small chapels, in convents, in parish churches, in seminaries, in cars and at work, people begin and end their days in prayer. In the Archdiocese of Washington's Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle, people from all walks of life pray together at daily Mass, just as people came to the cathedral to pray in thanksgiving when World War II ended, to pray in sorrow at the funeral Mass for President John F. Kennedy after the nation's first Catholic president was assassinated, and just as people came to the cathedral to pray after the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks on the United States.

Like their ancestors in the faith, today's Catholics continue to work for justice. In 1858, the founders of St. Augustine Church in Washington included free men and women of color and former slaves. In 1963, St. Augustine parishioners hosted and joined participants in the March on Washington, where they heard their then-Archbishop Patrick O'Boyle – a champion for racial justice who had integrated local Catholic parishes and schools – offer the invocation.

Today, St. Augustine parishioners continue to sacrifice to sponsor their parish school, believing like their parish's founders did that an education rooted in faith and strong academics would help their children achieve a better life and help build a better world.

The Catholic Church's teaching on the dignity of human life in all its stages is lived out in the outreach of Catholic Charities, which through its network of programs serves more than 100,000 people in need throughout the Archdiocese of Washington. That teaching is exemplified in the three Catholic hospitals within the archdiocese, which offer millions of dollars in charitable care each year.



Pope John Paul II in his encyclical, *The Gospel of Life*, encouraged Catholics to shine Christ's light on a culture of death, and build a civilization of love and life. That can be seen in several parishes in the Archdiocese of Washington that have both Catholic elementary schools and homes for the frail elderly, offering schoolchildren and seniors the opportunity to be neighbors and friends. That can also be seen at St. Ann's Infant and Maternity Home in Hyattsville, where some toddlers learn to take their first steps, and at the Jeanne Jugan Residence for the elderly operated by the Little Sisters of the Poor in Washington.

Investment for the Future

In his 2008 pastoral letter on education, Cardinal Wuerl wrote that supporting Catholic schools should be the responsibility of every Catholic. Now, through the Archdiocese's *Policies for Catholic Schools*, Catholics in every parish invest in Catholic education, and the Archdiocese of Washington this past year provided more than \$5 million in tuition assistance for students and families.

For generations, Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Washington have educated leaders for our Church, our communities and our nation. Within the archdiocese, the three Catholic universities, 20 Catholic high schools, and 71 Catholic elementary schools continue that legacy of faith and service. In 2011, Catholic schools in the archdiocese saved Maryland \$286 million and saved the District of Columbia \$82 million in per-pupil costs.

In his book, *Seek First the Kingdom*, Cardinal Wuerl noted how Pope Benedict at the Nationals Park Mass encouraged Catholics to bring their faith to the world. "The pope spoke his word. Now it's our turn. It's yours and mine," the Cardinal wrote. "As witnesses to Christ, his Gospel, his kingdom... each and every Catholic can make a difference."

Today the Archdiocese of Washington, through its educational, healthcare and charitable programs, works to make that difference, to bring help and hope to people's lives in partnership with others in our community.

CATHOLIC NEWS SERVICE
PHOTO BY KAREN CALLAWAY

Archbishop Donald Wuerl welcomes Pope Benedict XVI to the April 2008 Papal Mass at Nationals Park, which was attended by 50,000 Catholics from across the area and from throughout the country.

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– Cardinal Donald Wuerl,
Seek First the Kingdom



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PHOTO BY RAFAEL CRISOSTOMO

Members of the first graduating class at St. Francis International School in Silver Spring celebrate receiving their diplomas in 2011. St. Francis' principal, Tobias Harkleroad, encouraged the graduates to, "Be your best, and be who God intended you to be."

A New Catholic School for the 21st Century

St. Francis International School in Silver Spring offers a standards-based education with a global perspective that reflects its diverse student body. The new school cosponsored by three parishes has 445 students with roots in 54 different countries. Throughout the year, the school celebrates students' cultures and customs, and at school Masses, students offer prayers in their native languages. Through service programs, they support children in their community, and advocate for children around the world.

The success of schools like St. Francis International reflects new support of Catholics at all 140 parishes throughout the Archdiocese of Washington who invest in the future of Catholic students. For the 2011-12 school year, the archdiocese again offered students more than \$5 million in tuition assistance. Franciscan Father Mike Johnson, the pastor of St. Camillus Parish in Silver Spring, which cosponsors the school, said that support helps St. Francis International instill Catholic values in its students. "We're raising a generation of global citizens, who care not just about their future, but about the future of our world. We're interconnected."



Grounded in strong faith, academics, Catholic students prepared to be leaders for tomorrow

On this day, graduating senior Jenifer Moreno stood tall, as she addressed classmates assembled in the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Moreno – the salutatorian of the Class of 2011 from Don Bosco Cristo Rey High School in Takoma Park – spoke emotionally about the opportunities she had gained at the school. “I am the first person from both sides of my family to graduate from high school and go on to college,” she said. “Back home in El Salvador, education is a precious gift, because so few have the opportunity to achieve it.”

Moreno was among the 70 members of Cristo Rey’s first graduating class, all of whom were accepted into college, and 60 percent of whom would be the first members of their families to go on to higher education. The school, which is cosponsored by the Archdiocese of Washington and by the Salesians of Don Bosco, features an innovative work-study program in which students gain professional experience and are able to pay for part of their education. Moreno’s voice broke as she offered special thanks to her mom and dad. “They have sacrificed so much for me. I don’t know how to repay them, except to go on to college and pursue a degree in medicine.” Then she added, “Now my dream is to become a transplant surgeon. If I made it this far, why not go farther?”



CATHOLIC STANDARD
PHOTO BY
LESLIE KOSSOFF

Nearly 90 businesses and agencies serve as partners in Cristo Rey’s Corporate Work Study Program, helping the school’s students achieve their dream of an excellent education – rooted in Catholic values and strong academics – that will help them to become the leaders of tomorrow.

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– Jenifer Moreno,
Class of 2011 salutatorian,
Don Bosco Cristo Rey
High School

Reaching Higher



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A girl plays during recess at Little Flower School in Bethesda. Catholic elementary and high schools and early learning centers in the Archdiocese of Washington, which includes the District of Columbia and five surrounding Maryland counties, serve nearly 28,000 students.

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At Catholic schools, students live their faith through community service. Students at Archbishop Carroll High School, the first fully integrated high school in Washington, collect cans for their annual Thanksgiving Food Drive.

In 2011, they collected 50,000 pounds of food. Their effort is one of the largest student-led food drives in the country.

Catholic Education in Archdiocese of Washington

- Catholic elementary and high schools and early learning centers serving nearly 28,000 students.
- Seven early childhood centers.
- A total of 71 Catholic elementary schools, including 58 archdiocesan elementary schools and 13 independent Catholic elementary schools.
- Two archdiocesan high schools and 18 independent Catholic high schools.
- Ninety-eight percent of Archbishop Carroll High School students go on to college.
- All 70 members of Don Bosco Cristo Rey High School's 2011 graduating class were accepted into college.
- Three Catholic universities – The Catholic University of America, Georgetown University and Trinity Washington University, all in Washington, D.C.
- Two seminaries sponsored by the Archdiocese of Washington – Blessed John Paul II Seminary in Washington and the Redemptoris Mater Missionary Seminary of the Archdiocese, located in Hyattsville.
- Parish elementary and high school religious education programs serving 25,432 students.
- Seventy-two seminarians studying for the priesthood.



CATHOLIC STANDARD
PHOTO BY MICHAEL HOYT

Seventy-one boys at Our Lady of Lourdes School in Bethesda shaved their heads to show solidarity with their teacher, Kate Truax, who was battling cancer.



Catholic Identity

Catholic identity is central to every Catholic school. In addition to crucifixes and statues of Mary and pictures of saints, “Jesus is present in every classroom,” Cardinal Wuerl has said. By the examples of their teachers and by the lessons they learn about their faith, children at Catholic schools are prepared to know and love Jesus and to bring his light to the world. At Catholic schools, the days begin and end with children praying together.

Sometimes, lessons transcend the classroom. When Kate Truax, a teacher at Our Lady of Lourdes School in Bethesda, was battling cancer and faced the prospect of losing her hair, her students reached out to her in a special way. Seventy-one boys had their heads shaved to be in solidarity with her, and they crowded into the school library for a surprise Skype communication with their teacher. As she focused in on the students, Truax saw the smiling boys and their bald heads and exclaimed, “Oh my goodness, you guys are rock stars!”

Later that year, to honor Miss Truax, 28 girls from Our Lady of Lourdes had their hair cut and donated to Locks for Love, a program that helps children who’ve lost their hair due to medical conditions.

Earlier, Truax spoke about how her students’ love and faith had given her hope. “The biggest thing is the kids,” she said. “They don’t just learn about the faith. They’re expected to live it.”

Four Pillars of Catholic Education

In his 2008 pastoral letter, *Catholic Education: Looking to the Future with Confidence*, Cardinal Donald Wuerl emphasized that supporting Catholic schools is the work of everyone. Through a consultative process that began with an archdiocesan Convocation on Catholic Education the previous year, school and parish representatives identified four pillars of local Catholic education:

- Catholic identity
- Academic excellence
- Governance
- Affordability and accessibility

The archdiocese’s *Policies for Catholic Schools* reflect that vision, and encourage a collaborative effort to sustain and strengthen Catholic schools for today and the future.

Noted Graduates from Local Catholic Schools

- Former space shuttle astronaut Benjamin Alvin Drew Jr. (Colonel, U.S. Air Force, retired), a graduate of St. Anthony School and Gonzaga College High School in Washington.
- Soprano Harolyn Blackwell, who has performed at the Metropolitan Opera, a graduate of Sacred Heart School in Washington.
- James Kimsey, the founding CEO and chairman emeritus of America Online, Inc., a graduate of St. John's College High School in Washington.
- Journalist Diana Sugg, who won a Pulitzer Prize for beat reporting at the Baltimore Sun in 2003, is a graduate of St. Jude School in Rockville.
- Msgr. John Enzler, the president of Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Washington, attended Our Lady of Lourdes School in Bethesda and St. John's College High School in Washington.
- Sister Mary Bader, a Daughter of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul and chief executive officer of St. Ann's Infant and Maternity Home in Hyattsville, is a graduate of Little Flower School in Bethesda and Georgetown Visitation Preparatory School in Washington.



CATHOLIC STANDARD PHOTO BY RAFAEL CRISOSTOMO

Students from St. Mary School in Rockville celebrate the school's National Blue Ribbon School award. Four local Catholic schools in the archdiocese earned that honor in 2011.

Academic Excellence

Speaking of the academic excellence that is a hallmark of Catholic schools in the archdiocese, Thomas Burnford, Secretary for Catholic Education, noted, "Not only do we provide excellent academics... but we also form young people of faith, educating the whole person."

- In 2011, four Catholic elementary schools in the Archdiocese of Washington were named National Blue Ribbon Schools by the U.S. Department of Education: St. Jane de Chantal School in Bethesda, St. Bartholomew School in Bethesda, Mary of Nazareth School in Darnestown, and St. Mary School in Rockville. That year, only 10 schools in all of Maryland earned that honor. Over the years, 21 Catholic elementary and high schools in the archdiocese have been named Blue Ribbon Schools.
- At three Catholic high schools in the archdiocese, students participate in the rigorous International Baccalaureate Program: Archbishop Carroll High School in Washington, Our Lady of Good Counsel High School in Olney, and the Academy of the Holy Cross in Kensington.
- Facing financial and enrollment challenges, St. Jerome School in Hyattsville engaged in a school- and parish-wide consultative effort and developed a classical curriculum that has revitalized the school.
- In Southern Maryland, Father Andrew White School in Leonardtown, in partnership with the Naval Air Station at Patuxent River, offers students the Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) program.
- In Washington, D.C., the four schools of the archdiocese's Consortium of Catholic Academies provide a beacon of hope to families in their neighborhoods. Sacred Heart Catholic School in the Mount Pleasant neighborhood offers a bilingual English/Spanish curriculum, and St. Francis Xavier Academy with its noted arts program serves students in the Hillcrest community. Also offering challenging academic programs are St. Anthony School in the Brookland neighborhood and St. Thomas More Catholic Academy in the Highland community.

Affordability and Accessibility

- Through an offertory assessment program, Catholics at all 140 local parishes support Catholic schools and invest in the future of Catholic students.
- Regional Catholic schools like the new St. Joseph Regional School in Beltsville offer a successful model of how neighboring parishes can work together to support and sustain Catholic education for the future.
- Following a bipartisan effort among community leaders and D.C. government leaders and members of Congress, the D.C. Opportunity Scholarship Program has given thousands of children the chance at a better education and a brighter future. Currently, about one-half of the 1,600 scholarship recipients choose to attend Catholic schools in the city.
- Cardinal Wuerl has encouraged members of the community to support efforts like the D.C. Opportunity Scholarship Program and the Maryland Education Tax Credit (formerly known as BOAST), which expand educational opportunities for families and give children the hope for a brighter future. "By working together – parents, parishes, archdiocese and government – we can help ensure schools are affordable and accessible to as many students as possible," the Cardinal wrote in his pastoral letter on education.
- Catholic business groups have stepped forward to support educational opportunities for Catholic school students. At its fall 2011 gala, the Catholic Business Network of Montgomery County raised \$107,500 for Catholic education, including for school grants, scholarships and need-based tuition assistance. The Catholic Business Network of Prince George's County also provides scholarships to Catholic school students and grants to Catholic schools, and the Catholic Business Association of Charles County supports Catholic schools in that county.

Did You Know?

- In 2011-12, the Archdiocese of Washington offered more than \$5 million in tuition assistance to families, a six-fold increase over the last five years.
- In 2011 in the state of Maryland, the Catholic schools within the Archdiocese of Washington saved the state \$286 million in per-pupil costs.
- In 2011 in the District of Columbia, Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Washington saved the city \$82 million in per-pupil costs.



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In a photo from May 2011, kindergarten students from St. Mary School in Bryantown sing "America the Beautiful" during a Field of Honor ceremony. The 300 flags on the parish grounds honored heroes including members of the armed forces and emergency first responders.

ARCHDIOCESE OF WASHINGTON PHOTO
BY PAUL FETTERS

Cardinal Donald Wuerl poses in fall 2011 with the first seminarians and the priest faculty members of the Archdiocese of Washington's new Blessed John Paul II Seminary.

On Oct. 22, the Feast Day of Blessed John Paul II, the Cardinal blessed and dedicated the new seminary named in honor of the late pope. Standing in front with the Cardinal are the priests serving on the faculty of the Blessed John Paul II Seminary: from left to right, Father Mario Dorsonville, the adjunct spiritual director; Father Carter Griffin, the vice-rector; Msgr. Robert Panke, the rector; and Father William Gurnee, the director of spiritual formation.



Seminaries and Universities

In 2011, the Archdiocese of Washington opened its new Blessed John Paul II Seminary in Washington, with an inaugural class of 20 seminarians studying to be the next generation of priests who will serve the people of this area.

- The archdiocese, which currently has 72 seminarians, also sponsors the Redemptoris Mater Missionary Seminary in Hyattsville.
- Also in the Archdiocese of Washington, The Catholic University of America, the national university of the Catholic Church, has 12 schools offering degree programs. To mark its 125th anniversary in 2012, Catholic University challenged its students to contribute 125,000 hours of volunteer service during the anniversary school year, and by year's end they had volunteered more than 350,000 hours.
- Georgetown University was founded in Washington by the Jesuits as the nation's first Catholic college in 1789. Today, Georgetown students volunteer as tutors for children in the District of Columbia, and after graduation some serve in the Peace Corps or the Jesuit Volunteer Corps.
- Founded by the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur in 1897 as one of the nation's first liberal arts colleges for women, Trinity Washington University continues that legacy through its historic women's college, the Trinity College of Arts and Sciences. More than 2,500 students are enrolled at the university, which enrolls more D.C. residents than any private university in the city.
- Catholic students can find a church home at the Catholic campus ministry programs at the University of Maryland at College Park; George Washington University, Howard University and American University in Washington; St. Mary's College in St. Mary's City; and at Gallaudet University in Washington, the national liberal arts university for the deaf.

How to Support Catholic Schools and Youth



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PHOTO BY RAFAEL CRISOSTOMO

A boy prays during a 2012 Catholic Schools Week Mass at Mary of Nazareth School in Darnestown.

- Find your local Catholic school on the Archdiocese of Washington's website at www.adw.org and contact them to see how you can help.
- In 2011, the Archdiocese of Washington awarded more than \$5 million in tuition assistance, a six-fold increase in five years. The tuition assistance need demonstrated by families was more than \$30 million. To send donations to the Tuition Assistance Fund of the Archdiocese of Washington, checks may be mailed to the Archdiocese of Washington, P.O. Box 29260, Washington, DC 20017. For more information, call 301-853-4351.
- For information on Archbishop Carroll High School, visit www.archbishopcarroll.org.
- For information on partnering with the Corporate Work Study Program at Don Bosco Cristo Rey High School in Takoma Park, call 301-891-4750, ext. 140 or visit www.donboscocristorey.org.
- For information on the Consortium of Catholic Academies, call 301-853-4540 or visit www.catholicacademies.org.
- To learn more about the D.C. Opportunity Scholarship Program, visit www.dcscholarships.org.
- To learn more about the proposed Maryland Education Tax Credit, visit www.educationmaryland.org, or the Maryland Catholic Conference at www.mdccathcon.org.
- To learn more about the archdiocese's Office of Youth Ministry/Catholic Youth Organization, visit www.washcyo.com or call 202-281-2465.
- For information on the Catholic Business Network of Montgomery County, visit www.CBNMC.com. For information on the Catholic Business Network of Prince George's County, www.cbnp.org. For information on the Catholic Business Association of Charles County, www.cbaofcharlescounty.com.

A Mission We Share

The special mission, and lasting impact, of Catholic educational institutions from elementary schools through colleges was highlighted in a talk that Pope Benedict XVI gave to Catholic educational leaders during his 2008 visit to Washington, when he said, "First and foremost, every Catholic educational institution is a place to encounter the living God, who in Jesus Christ reveals his transforming love and truth."

With faith, and with community support, we will work to continue to provide the gift of a Catholic education for young men and women who will become the leaders of tomorrow. We believe that investment pays dividends for today, for tomorrow and forever.

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– Pope Benedict XVI, talk to educational leaders, 2008 visit to Washington



CATHOLIC STANDARD PHOTO
BY RAFAEL CRISOSTOMO

Teacher Laurel Montoya assists students Roberto Hernandez and Jamal Guy with a math problem at St. Joseph Regional Catholic School in Beltsville, a new regional school sponsored by St. Joseph Parish, and by St. Hugh Parish in Greenbelt and St. Nicholas Parish in Laurel.



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Dawan (right) had been living on the streets for years, but with help from Vivian Mojica (left), who works at Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Washington's Hermano Pedro Multicultural Day Program, he attended college, found a job, and is living in an apartment of his own.

"I wanted to help others the way I've been helped."

– Dawan Hatch Jr.

At age 16, Dawan Hatch Jr. found himself living on the streets after being abandoned by a family who couldn't care for him. He battled homelessness for 13 years, living in shelters and doing odd jobs to survive. He felt he had no future until he met two staff members, Iona Sebastian and Vivian Mojica, from Catholic Charities' Hermano Pedro Multicultural Day Program in August 2010. One year later, he graduated from Everest College with a dual certification in phlebotomy and medical assistance, earning a 4.0 GPA and secured a job in diabetic education. Vivian and Iona helped him apply for college, found him housing, let him use office computers for his assignments, arranged his transportation and gave him unwavering support. "I don't think I would have started school without the help I got there. And I know I wouldn't have finished," said Dawan, who is hoping to get a bachelor's degree next. "I don't know where I'd be." Now as he begins a career in health services, Dawan is mindful of how Catholic Charities workers helped him get a new start in life. "I wanted to help others the way I've been helped," he said of his new career.



Catholic social service programs offer Christ's hope to those in need

The Archdiocese of Washington's charity and social concern agencies serve tens of thousands of people in need, of all faiths and backgrounds, without question or condition, across the Washington, D.C., area every year. They shelter the homeless, care for children who are victims of abuse and neglect and provide quality housing to low-income seniors and adults with disabilities, among so many other services that are crucial to those in need.



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Facing an unintended pregnancy can be scary. Catholic Charities' Sanctuaries for Life program helps women get the financial, emotional and spiritual support they need to make a life-affirming decision.

Did You Know?

- Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Washington is the largest private provider of social services in the Washington area, serving more than 100,000 people in need each year.
- St. Ann's Infant and Maternity Home in Hyattsville was chartered by President Abraham Lincoln in 1864 to care for orphans, children in need and unwed mothers. It is the only organization of its kind in the Washington metropolitan area that provides comprehensive medical care in a residential setting to children in the foster care system and teen mothers.
- Victory Housing, Inc. provides affordable housing and related social services to more than 1,700 low- to moderate-income senior citizens and families across the archdiocese.

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CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Msgr. John Enzler,
President and CEO of
Catholic Charities of the
Archdiocese of
Washington,
prays with a client at
Adam's Place,
one of Catholic Charities'
emergency homeless
shelters in Washington.



Catholic Charities

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Washington serves more than 100,000 people in need at a cost of more than \$60 million, through its 75 programs in 48 locations, with a staff of nearly 800 and a volunteer pool of 3,400 people. It serves people of all faiths and backgrounds without exception – an estimated 85 percent of those served are not Catholic.

"For I was hungry
and you gave me food.
I was thirsty
and you gave me drink,
a stranger
and you welcomed me,
naked
and you clothed me,
ill and you cared
for me,
in prison
and you visited me."

– Matthew 25:35-36

Reaching the Needy Each Year:

- Volunteer attorneys with the Archdiocesan Legal Network provide free legal advice to 1,400 people at a value of more than \$10 million.
- The SHARE Food Network distributes 121,000 food packages across the region, saving customers a total of \$3 million on their grocery bills.
- 6,500 people receive help ranging from emergency rental assistance to crisis counseling to getting connected to community-based resources.
- More than 900 adults with severe or persistent mental illness are helped to live independently.
- More than 10,000 immigrants and refugees receive English classes, job training and employment referrals.
- More than 280 adults with a developmental disability find dignity through meaningful employment.
- About 1,500 men, women and children sleep safely in a Catholic Charities bed each night.

Sanctuaries for Life

In April 2011, the archdiocese's Birthing and Care program expanded and joined Catholic Charities under the name Sanctuaries for Life. The program assists vulnerable pregnant women in securing affordable prenatal care and labor/delivery care, while expanding the range of services available to help with other needs through the 75 programs of Catholic Charities.

Primarily, participants in the program are abortion vulnerable, grappling with expenses associated with a high-risk pregnancy, or simply struggling financially to get care. Often the women have no documentation, making them ineligible for government programs. Many other women find themselves needing support due to government cutbacks to Medicaid. But no matter how they come to Sanctuaries for Life, the attention and support they receive there is truly remarkable.

One woman, who was a victim of rape, was so hurt from the experience that initially she did not want to keep her baby. She sought out Sanctuaries for Life for support and, after talking to staff there, decided she felt strong and supported enough to have her child. She delivered her baby, and she is so grateful to God for her little blessing.

Another woman had learned she was at a high risk for miscarriage, and not wanting to give up her baby, she turned to Sanctuaries for Life. They supported her decision to carry the baby to term, despite the risk, and they helped her financially with prenatal care and delivery services. Sadly, her baby boy lived for only one day but the woman was so grateful to God for giving her baby life for that one day.

Spanish Catholic Center

The need for the Spanish Catholic Center has never been greater. Offering medical and dental clinics, job training programs, English classes, a food pantry and case management services in four locations, the center provides holistic care to immigrants from around the world. The multicultural staff of the center speaks more than eight different languages and have experience working with individuals from more than 72 different cultural contexts.

A Lifeline for the Uninsured

- Spanish Catholic Center Medical Clinics, located in Silver Spring and Washington, D.C., provide primary and specialty care and preventive and wellness programs to more than 4,400 uninsured, low-income adults and children per year.
- Spanish Catholic Center Dental Clinics provide free dental care to more than 3,200 uninsured, low-income adults and children per year.
- Spanish Catholic Center in Gaithersburg provides free social services, job training, immigration legal services and English language classes to more than 7,000 people per year.



CATHOLIC STANDARD PHOTO
BY MICHAEL HOYT

A mother holds her baby during a Christmas party hosted by the Sanctuaries for Life program.

The Sanctuaries for Life program assists vulnerable pregnant women in securing affordable prenatal care and labor/delivery care. The women can also receive help through all the other programs offered by Catholic Charities.



CATHOLIC STANDARD PHOTO BY MICHAEL HOYT

Sister Mary Bader, a Daughter of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul and Chief Executive Officer of St. Ann's, introduces Cardinal Wuerl to a resident of the home.

"It is difficult for any girl to realize her full potential when confronted with the demands of pregnancy and parenting, low academic achievement, and poor mental and physical health. St. Ann's Teen Mother-Baby Program starts by providing a safe, supportive home where girls can get the help they need to live a healthy lifestyle, become better parents, meet their physical and mental health needs, and improve their academic situation. Regardless of whether they are with us for just a few weeks or several years, the skills, habits, and educational attainment they achieve here will be with them for the rest of their lives. Although we can't claim that all young women reach their full potential while in our care, we firmly believe that our comprehensive, life-changing program puts them on the right path toward that goal."

- Sister Mary Bader, DC,
Chief Executive Officer of
St. Ann's Infant
and Maternity Home

St Ann's Infant and Maternity Home

A 150-Year-Old Lifeline for At-Risk Mothers and Children

St. Ann's Infant and Maternity Home was founded in Washington by the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul in 1860 and has been in continuous operation for the past 150 years. Located in Hyattsville since 1962, St. Ann's is still administered by the Daughters of Charity and remains dedicated to its mission of caring for vulnerable children and at-risk young mothers.

It is the only organization of its kind in the Washington metropolitan area that provides comprehensive medical care in a residential setting to children in the foster care system and teen mothers – many of whom are also in the foster care system.

The Children's Residential Program provides emergency residential care and diagnostic services to more than 200 hundred children from across the region who have been removed from their homes due to abuse, abandonment or neglect. The Teen Mother-Baby program provides housing, health care and education for expectant or new teen mothers – most of whom have been turned away by their parents or foster families. St. Ann's also operates Faith House, a transitional program for motivated single mothers ages 18-25 and their children aimed at helping young families achieve independence through education and career development. Finally, St. Ann's Child Care Center offers affordable, high-quality developmental day care for more than 120 children in Prince George's and Montgomery counties and the District of Columbia, including some children in residence at St. Ann's.

Brenda and Amelia

Brenda and her daughter, Amelia, were at St. Ann's for three years. When they arrived in 2008, Brenda had no family in the area, spoke very little English, and was escaping an abusive relationship. Despite her many challenges, Brenda made great strides at St. Ann's, especially in its high school program. She passed all four High School Assessments, took the SAT exam, and graduated in August with a perfect 4.0 grade point average. In addition to her academic work, she worked at Providence Hospital through St. Ann's partnership with Youth Professional Development. Brenda is now in a transitional living program and enrolled in

college while Amelia attends a high quality preschool program. Amelia is a happy, healthy three-year-old who is on track developmentally and full of curiosity and energy. Because of St. Ann's Teen Mother-Baby Program, St. Ann's High School, and St. Ann's Community Child Care, this young family is on track to break the cycle of poverty and abuse that once defined Brenda's life. She stands as a shining example of what a young woman with courage and determination can accomplish given the support and encouragement of St. Ann's programs and staff.

Victory Housing

Victory Housing, the non-profit housing development arm of the archdiocese, provides affordable housing and related social services to more than 1,700 low-and moderate-income senior citizens and families in Washington, D.C., and Montgomery, Prince George's, Charles, Calvert and St. Mary's counties in Maryland, at a cost of more than \$22 million a year. This award-winning organization, founded in 1979 by Msgr. Ralph Kuehner, works tirelessly to meet the overwhelming need for affordable housing for low-income seniors and families in an area where even moderate housing is out of reach for many.

In 1985, Victory Housing opened Mary's House, its first assisted living facility for the elderly, in the former convent above St. Mary School in Rockville. In 2011, Victory Housing reached a significant milestone, with the opening of its 25th affordable housing community. It now operates seven affordable assisted living residences for frail senior citizens in Maryland, two-thirds of whom have annual incomes of 60 percent of the area's median income or less; 11 apartment communities for very low-income independent seniors; four apartment communities for mixed-income independent seniors and three apartment buildings for working families.

Many of these projects have been the result of successful partnerships between the archdiocese, parishes, government agencies, businesses and private individuals that have helped Victory Housing expand its outreach throughout the Washington area. Victory Housing has won 23 public awards since 1997 including Developer of the Year and the Commitment to Excellence Award from the State of Maryland.



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A Victory Housing resident prepares to board their new bus, which has improved mobility for many of its residents.



CATHOLIC STANDARD PHOTO BY RAFAEL CRISÓSTOMO

In May, 2011, Victory Housing completed construction on its first project in St. Mary's County - Victory Woods, a 75-unit apartment community for mixed-income seniors in Lexington Park.

Special Needs Ministries

The Archdiocese of Washington's Department of Special Needs Ministries serves Catholics who are deaf and Catholics with disabilities, helping to meet their spiritual needs, and where possible, their social needs including education, employment, recreation and housing.

These are some of the ways the archdiocese offers to support persons with disabilities and their families:

- **Special needs catechesis:** Ongoing training, materials development for parents and catechists, including best practices for using Religious Individual Education Program (IEP)
- **Annual Conference on Faith, Deafness & Disabilities** with 500 attendees
- **Affirming Life/Prenatal Diagnosis Initiative:** Helping parishes support women and families carry their babies to term following unexpected prenatal diagnosis of a disability or fatal defect
- **White Mass:** An annual Mass celebrating the gifts of all, especially Catholics who are deaf and Catholics with disabilities
- **Parish ministry formation:** Helping create ministries serving persons who are disabled that meet the specific needs of these persons in their parishes
- **Mental illness outreach:** Training of clergy, parish personnel, school personnel and others in how parishes can support the spiritual needs of persons with mental illness and their families
- **Adult faith formation:** Supporting Faith & Light communities for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities
- **Housing opportunities:** Rosaria Communities is a non-profit subsidiary of the Archdiocese of Washington that operates housing services for adults with developmental disabilities. A home for three Catholic men with disabilities opened in 2009 at St. Rose of Lima Parish in Gaithersburg, Maryland and more parish-based Rosaria Homes are being planned.
- **Hispanic ministry special needs catechesis:** Translating materials into Spanish and developing Hispanic special needs ministries based in parishes
- **Veterans outreach:** Offering spiritual retreats for veterans with a service-related disability, mental illness or post traumatic stress disorder; creating materials for use in parishes
- **Prison outreach:** Partnering with Prison Outreach Ministries, Inc. to provide interpreter support and expertise for persons who are deaf, disabled or have a mental illness
- **Retreats for families:** Spiritual retreats for families caring for a person with a disability

CATHOLIC STANDARD PHOTO
BY LESLIE KOSSOFF

At center, Theresa Brogan, 12, attends the Archdiocese of Washington's annual White Mass at St. Matthew's Cathedral. At right are her parents, Steve and Mary Brogan. Theresa is a student at St. John the Evangelist School in Silver Spring, where her family attends church.





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The Kennedy School at Catholic Charities' Lt. Joseph P. Kennedy Institute gives children and teens who have developmental disabilities a supportive and specialized learning environment.

Catholic Charities' Lt. Joseph P. Kennedy Institute

Catholic Charities' Lt. Joseph P. Kennedy Institute provides lifespan services for persons with disabilities and their families in the Washington metropolitan area. Early childhood interventions, formal education, career development, employment, community living and family support services are programs targeted to provide opportunities for those served to participate in a rich and rewarding life. The institute has implemented a highly successfully Early Head Start program that works at home to teach parents how to encourage their child's development and cognitive abilities and detects early developmental delays. The program works through the D.C. Department of Disabilities Services to provide therapy and treatment to help children catch-up in their development.

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In a 2010 photo, volunteer Ricardo Lopez (foreground), a student from Our Lady of Good Counsel High School in Olney, and Brendan Connaughton (background), a student from Quince Orchard High School in Gaithersburg, sort food at St. Martin of Tours Parish in Gaithersburg for the Archdiocese of Washington's Share in Hope Lenten food drive. The annual drive, which is coordinated by Catholic Charities, supports local food banks.



Social Services: How to Help

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Washington

The Archdiocese of Washington's social service agencies depend on the talents, generosity and passion of volunteers. Even if you only have a few hours a week or month, there is an opportunity for you. If you're interested in volunteering with Catholic Charities, please call 202-772-4321.

Volunteer opportunities

Homeless shelters: Serve as a goodwill ambassador in an emergency shelter for the homeless by creating a welcoming and warm atmosphere. Be a greeter, cleaner, chef or just a friendly face for those coming in out of the cold.

SHARE Food Network: Volunteers are always needed to help with monthly food distribution, which is open to all and serves all.

•Location: Prince George's County

Archdiocesan Legal Network: Pro bono attorneys (in good standing with the District of Columbia and/or Maryland) are needed to accept cases of D.C. and Maryland clients in the following civil law areas: child custody and visitation, consumer and bankruptcy cases, employment and discrimination cases, landlord-tenant and home foreclosure cases, public entitlement cases, wills, estate and advanced medical directives. Spanish-speaking attorneys are also needed.

- Location: Washington, D.C.

Immigration Legal Services: Pro bono attorneys are needed to assist immigrants, refugees and asylum seekers in securing safe and legal passage into the United States with our Immigration Legal Services.

- Location: Washington, D.C., and Montgomery County

Montgomery County Family Center: Volunteers are needed at the Montgomery County Family Center to organize food, diaper or toiletry drives and to assist in Capital Area Food Bank's Mobile Pantry food distribution (2-6:30 p.m. on the second Monday of each month).

- Location: Montgomery County

Neighborhood Opportunity Network: Volunteers are needed to interpret weekly community gatherings from English to Spanish and Spanish to English (6-8 p.m. on Tuesdays); to help teach and tutor ESL classes (6-8 p.m. on Tuesdays); employment outreach and assistance (Tuesdays and Thursdays); and to participate in door-to-door outreach (training provided).

- Location: Montgomery County

Spanish Catholic Center: Volunteers are needed at the Spanish Catholic Center to assist with patient satisfaction surveys (must be bilingual in English and Spanish).

- Location: Washington, D.C. and Montgomery County

Refugee Center: Volunteers are needed at the Refugee Center for workplace ESL classes, employment outreach and assistance, and cultural orientation.

- Location: Washington, D.C.

Southern Maryland Food Bank: Volunteers are needed to organize food drives for the Southern Maryland Food Bank.

- Location: Calvert, Charles, and St. Mary's Counties

To make a donation to Catholic Charities

- Call 202-772-4394, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Donate by mail by making your check or money order payable to the Catholic Charities Foundation and mail to: Catholic Charities Foundation, 924 G Street, NW, Washington, DC 20001
- Donate online at www.catholiccharitiesdc.org

To make a donation to St. Ann's Infant and Maternity Home

- Call 301-559-5500
- Donate by mail by making your check or money order payable to St. Ann's Infant and Maternity Home and mail it to: St. Ann's Infant and Maternity Home, 4901 Eastern Avenue, Hyattsville, MD 20782
- Donate online at www.stannns.org



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The medical clinic at Catholic Charities' Spanish Catholic Center helps uninsured patients like Elsa (right), a cancer survivor, get the care they need.

Sitting in her doctor's office on a snowy January day, Elsa Blanco's whole world was turned upside down in an instant. She was diagnosed with breast cancer. As she left the doctor's office, she worried about her health, especially because she was uninsured. As she walked, she saw a white butterfly flying amidst the falling flakes. A calm came over her. "I knew it was a sign from God that I would be okay," said Elsa.

Elsa turned to the holistic care of the doctors and staff at Catholic Charities' Spanish Catholic Center medical clinic for help. The clinics specifically treat uninsured patients, providing a wide range of primary care and preventive health services free of charge or at an affordable rate. The brand-new facility in Silver Spring offers state-of-the-art exam rooms and equipment, as well as an electronic medical record system to help all four medical and dental clinics better coordinate patient care.

Now after months of checkups and a life-saving lumpectomy, plus daily medication to prevent the cancer's return, Elsa is now cancer-free.

As a cancer survivor, Elsa now helps others by preparing meals and taking part in a support group for Latina women.



Catholic health care outreach offers Christ's healing to those in need

Every day, works to carry out Christ's healing unfold through the health care ministries in the Archdiocese of Washington. At Catholic Charities' Spanish Catholic Center's medical and dental clinics, immigrants seeking a new life in a new home receive much-needed care. Through the Archdiocesan Health Care Network, volunteer doctors, nurses, dentists and other health professionals offer specialty care to the area's poor. Catholic Charities' Anchor Mental Health helps adults with mental illnesses rebuild their lives. The region's three Catholic hospitals offer state-of-the-art medical care, and Catholic nursing homes offer loving care to the elderly and sick.



Did You Know?

- Providence Hospital is the oldest, continuously operating hospital in the nation's capital. The charter for the hospital was signed by President Abraham Lincoln in 1864.
- Holy Cross Hospital, located in Silver Spring, delivers more babies each year than any other hospital in Maryland or the District of Columbia.
- Catholic Charities' Spanish Catholic Center's two medical and dental clinics serve 7,700 low-income adults and children each year.

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Dr. Marguerite Duane does a check-up with a young patient at the Spanish Catholic Center's Medical Clinic in Silver Spring. The clinic provides preventive and acute care to uninsured patients of all ages.

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In 2011, Cardinal Donald Wuerl, Archbishop of Washington, blessed the new Spanish Catholic Center Medical Clinic in Silver Spring, the capstone moment in a major move to provide even better care to uninsured patients. With an eye toward patient comfort and efficiency, the new clinic offers eight exam rooms, two rooms equipped for minor surgery and a centralized space for doctors and medical assistants to coordinate services. The center also brought all four of the medical and dental clinics online with an electronic medical records system to better coordinate patient care at all sites.



Catholic Charities' Spanish Catholic Center

For 45 years, Catholic Charities' Spanish Catholic Center has offered an incredible range of programs to bring much-needed healthcare to uninsured, low-income people. The medical and dental clinics in Silver Spring serve almost 3,900 people each year. The clinics in Washington, D.C. serve almost 3,800 people each year. The medical clinics offer primary care services and specialty services on-site, including minor surgery, gynecology, cardiology, pulmonology, nephrology, dermatology, orthopedics, acupuncture and referrals to other specialty services including physical therapy.

Medical Services Offered by the Spanish Catholic Center Include:

- **Continuous care** for patients with chronic conditions like diabetes, hypertension or cardiovascular disease from early diagnosis, including regular follow-ups with a medical provider, support provided by individualized or group education sessions, and medical supplies, in some cases.
- **Education sessions** that reinforce and provide support in lifestyle changes that are essential for adequate management and prevention of complications related to diabetes, hypertension, and cardiovascular disease.
- **Medication Assistance Program**, which obtains free and low cost medications for all patients through a variety of programs.
- **Cancer prevention** programs, which offers on-site screening mammograms, Pap smears, and the required follow-up and health education about breast and cervical cancer. Patients can also participate in the health education program about colorectal cancer and receive a take-home testing kit.
- **Psychological support** for patients to address stress, post-traumatic stress disorder and depression, as well as to provide coping skills for patients.
- **Dental care** for uninsured adults and children, including preventive, diagnostic, emergency and restorative oral health care. The clinics offer oral exams, X-rays, prophylaxis, root canal treatments, fillings, and partial dentures.

Archdiocesan Health Care Network

As a boy, James Hickey watched his father, a Michigan dentist, care for poor patients during the Depression. As Archbishop of Washington, Cardinal Hickey convened a small group of doctors in 1984 in an effort to form a network of volunteer healthcare workers to provide medical and dental services for the poor in the Archdiocese of Washington.

The Archdiocesan Health Care Network now includes 250 volunteer doctors, dentists and specialists, and five participating hospitals and 35 participating clinics. Each year, the network serves about 2,000 poor and uninsured patients, providing them with an estimated \$4-5 million worth of medical care. The program, administered by Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Washington, brings help and hope to adults and children throughout our community who otherwise could not have afforded to receive specialized medical care.

"It's been a success from the word go!" said Dr. John Collins Harvey, a physician who helped found the network. "This is an organization of specialists, so the poor can get a consultation, and get taken care of in free clinics (or area hospitals). When they need specialty care from experts like neurosurgeons, they come to the Archdiocesan Health Care Network and get superb care."

Dr. Walter Mazzella, a dentist in the network and a Pro Bono Health Award winner, noted, "What you receive is not measured in terms of money or profit. It's the personal satisfaction, that you have done well for other human beings," he said. "We should all participate in helping them have a healthier, better life."



CATHOLIC STANDARD PHOTO BY RAFAEL CRISOSTOMO

"It's a good way to give back as a physician. In my life, I've been blessed many times over. It's important to share your good fortune. This organization allows me to make my beliefs concrete, to put my beliefs in action."

- Dr. Michelle Rivera, dermatologist and volunteer with the Archdiocesan Health Care Network

Following the 2012 Rose Mass, which seeks God's blessings on those who work in the health professions, a luncheon was held to honor volunteers in the Archdiocesan Health Care Network for their service to the poor in the Archdiocese of Washington. Three of the volunteers received Pro Bono Health Care Awards.

From left to right are Dr. Walter Mazzella, a dentist; Dr. Michelle Rivera, a dermatologist; Cardinal Wuerl, who helped present the awards; Dr. John Collins Harvey, a physician and moral theologian who helped found the network in 1984; Dr. Kenneth Newkirk, who serves patients with cancer of the neck and head; and Msgr. Joseph Ranieri, the archdiocese's coordinator of pastoral care for priests.

Dr. Harvey received the Cardinal James Hickey Lifetime Service Award, and Msgr. Ranieri received the Msgr. Harry Echle Award for Outstanding Service in Health Care Ministry.

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PROVIDENCE HOSPITAL

Orthopedic surgeon
Dr. Craig Thomas operates
on a patient at
Providence Hospital in
Washington, D.C.



Providence Hospital

Located in Washington's Brookland neighborhood, Providence Hospital has been a beacon of Catholic health care and healing ministry to D.C. residents for more than 150 years. Providence Hospital was founded by the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul in 1861, and three years later, President Lincoln signed the hospital's charter. Today, Providence Hospital is part of the Ascension Health system and continues its healing outreach to the community as the oldest continuously operating hospital in the nation's capital.

Providence Hospital specializes in orthopedics, diabetes, maternal and infant health, geriatric medicine, sleep disorders, bariatric services, and stroke care. The hospital's Center for Perinatal Advocacy was established as a city-wide effort to combat Washington, D.C.'s high infant mortality rate and is a strong advocate for best practices that impact maternal and infant health outcomes.

Providence Hospital, Caring for the Community

- In fiscal year 2011, Providence Hospital offered \$13.7 million in service to the community including medical services to the poor and uninsured and healthcare programs for the general community.
- Last year, Providence Hospital delivered 2,051 babies, had 46,563 emergency room visits, 3,384 in-patient surgical visits, and 12,538 patient discharges.
- The Center for Life provides high quality prenatal and specialty gynecological care to women from vulnerable and medically underserved, diverse populations. The majority of the Center for Life mothers are women who do not qualify or have access to medical insurance through their employer.
- The Carroll Manor Nursing and Rehabilitation Center is a preeminent provider of sub-acute and long-term care services, and has a 48-bed dementia special care unit. The blend of high quality staff and physicians, all certified in gerontology; a home-like environment for residents; and an electronic medical records system contribute to state-of-the-art care for our older, fragile population.
- The Police and Fire Clinic, a joint venture of Providence Hospital and the Washington Hospital Center, is a unique privatization project with the government of the District of Columbia, providing occupational and preventive medical services to the District's more than 5,000 police officers, firefighters, U.S. Park Police officers and U.S. Secret Service agents. This partnership not only improves the quality of medical services and increases productivity of the public safety force, but also results in significant savings for the city.

Holy Cross Hospital

Founded almost 50 years ago in 1963 by the Sisters of the Holy Cross, Holy Cross Hospital in Silver Spring is a member of Trinity Health, and its mission as a non-profit teaching hospital is, “in the spirit of the Gospel, to heal body, mind and spirit, (and) to improve the health of our communities....”

Holy Cross Hospital, a Legacy of Faith and Healthcare

- In fiscal year 2011, Holy Cross provided more than \$39 million in service to the community, including more than \$19 million in free or reduced-care services. Each day, the hospital committed more than \$100,000 to community benefit programs and served more than 750 people in those programs, including at its health centers for the uninsured in Silver Spring and Gaithersburg.
- Holy Cross Hospital is one of the largest hospitals in the state of Maryland, with more than 30,000 annual admissions. The hospital has 455 hospital beds offering adult, pediatric and neonatal services. Holy Cross employs 3,200 associates including 1,000 nurses and has 1,200 affiliated physicians.
- More babies are born at Holy Cross Hospital each year than at any other hospital in Maryland or the District of Columbia. In spring 2012, Holy Cross Hospital marked a milestone of delivering its 100,000th baby since 2000. In 2011 alone, the hospital delivered 8,450 babies. The Holy Cross Hospital Maternity Center combines a state-of-the-art facility with a nurturing approach to provide sophisticated and compassionate care.
- Holy Cross offers a full range of inpatient, outpatient and community-based health services, with specialized expertise in women and infant services, senior services, surgery, neuroscience and cancer.
- Holy Cross Hospital is the first hospital in the nation to create an emergency room specifically tailored to serve a growing senior population.
- In December 2011, Holy Cross Hospital officials and community leaders broke ground at the site of a new Catholic hospital in Germantown. The first new hospital in Montgomery County in 35 years, slated to open in 2014, will be located on the campus of Montgomery College and will partner with the college in training the next generation of health care workers.

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The community leaders participating in the December 2011 groundbreaking on the site of the new Catholic hospital in Germantown are, from left to right, John F. McShea, III, the chair of the Holy Cross Hospital Board of Trustees; Holy Cross Sister Jeanette Fettig, the vice chair of the Holy Cross Hospital Board of Trustees; Isiah Leggett, Montgomery County Executive; Thomas V. “Mike” Miller, Maryland Senate President; Kevin J. Sexton, the president and CEO, Holy Cross Hospital; Cardinal Donald Wuerl, Archbishop of Washington; DeRionne P. Pollard, Ph.D., the president of Montgomery College; and Paul T. Kaplun, the chair of the Holy Cross Hospital Foundation Board of Trustees.



Founded by Monsignor John G. Kuhn in 1958 as a drop-in social club for people struggling with mental illness, Anchor Mental Health has grown with the need for mental health services in the community.

Today, it is a full-service community mental health center, serving more than 1,500 adults of all races, religions and ethnic backgrounds with the common need of help for mental illness.

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Catholic Charities' Anchor Mental Health provides a full range of support for adults living with mental illness.



MedStar Georgetown University Hospital

MedStar Georgetown University Hospital, founded in the Jesuit principle of *cura personalis* — caring for the whole person — is committed to offering a variety of innovative diagnostic and treatment options within a trusting and compassionate environment. Georgetown's centers of excellence include neurosciences, transplant, cancer and gastroenterology.

MedStar Georgetown University Hospital is Home to:

- The Lombardi Comprehensive Cancer Center — the area's only comprehensive cancer center and one of only 40 in the nation designated by the National Cancer Institute.
- Five cancer specialty centers and programs.
- One of the nation's premiere gastroenterology (GI) programs, providing endoscopic procedures to evaluate and treat certain GI conditions in a minimally-invasive way. Six gastroenterological specialty centers and programs offer highly specialized services and technology to enhance accuracy and patient comfort.
- The MedStar Georgetown's Neurosciences Program, a working partnership of the departments of neurology, neurosurgery, pediatric neurology, pediatric neurosurgery and interventional neuroradiology. In the area of neurosciences, more than a dozen specialty centers and programs focus on Parkinson's disease, epilepsy, Multiple Sclerosis, sleep disorders, Alzheimer's, dementia and headaches.
- One of the highest volume and most reputable transplant programs in the nation, with approximately 2,000 kidney, liver, pancreas, small bowel, colon, stomach and multi-organ transplants to date.
- Neonatal intensive care unit, the premier destination for sick and/or premature infants in the region.

Catholic Charities' Anchor Mental Health

There are many causes of poverty, but none is more debilitating than mental illness. Having recently celebrated 50 years of service in the Washington-metropolitan area, Catholic Charities' Anchor Mental Health has been a source of hope and long-term help to thousands of people who want to live and cope with their mental illness. Founded by Monsignor John G. Kuhn in 1958 as a drop-in social club for people struggling with mental illness, Anchor Mental Health has grown with the need for mental health services in the community.

Today, it is a full-service community mental health center, serving more than 1,500 adults of all religions and backgrounds with the common need of help for mental illness. Services include furthering education, finding and securing employment, managing medication and providing ongoing case management services. Following a comprehensive intake, which includes diagnosis, staff guide clients to a more self-sufficient and healthy lifestyle.

Caring for the Elderly

Jeanne Jugan Residence

At the Jeanne Jugan Residence run by the Little Sisters of the Poor in Washington, dying is a peaceful moment of faith. The sisters keep a vigil, even through the night, so no one has to die alone.

The Jeanne Jugan Residence, across the street from The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., is one of 31 homes for the aged in the nation run by the Little Sisters of the Poor. It was established in 1871, and today the sisters continue their mission of serving the elderly with love and respect until death. Sister Camille Rose Hampton said the Little Sisters try to see, “the person of Jesus Christ in the elderly. We do everything for the elderly that we would want to do for Christ.”

Every day, the sisters start their day with meditation, pray the Divine Office three times a day, and participate in daily Mass. The sisters feed the residents and attend to all their basic physical, emotional and spiritual needs. The Little Sisters focus on “person-centered care,” and treat each person as an individual.

Next door to the Jeanne Jugan Residence sits St. Joseph’s Villa - a home of 24 apartments for physically active low-income seniors who wish to remain independent but enjoy the safety afforded by living just next door to the Jeanne Jugan Residence.

Carroll Manor Nursing and Rehabilitation Center

In April 1996, Carroll Manor Nursing and Rehabilitation Center opened its doors on the grounds of Providence Hospital in Washington, D.C., with a mission to serve all persons, giving special attention to elderly persons who are poor and vulnerable. Carroll Manor is a 240-bed, state-of-the-art skilled nursing center run by the Daughters of Charity, providing short-term and long-term medical, nursing, and rehabilitation services to the elderly.



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The Jeanne Jugan Residence of the Little Sisters of the Poor has been serving the elderly poor in the nation’s capital since 1871.

“Be kind, especially with the infirm. Love them well... Oh yes! Be kind. It is a great grace God is giving you. In serving the aged, it is he himself whom you are serving.”

- Saint Jeanne Jugan

More Centers of Care for the Elderly and Infirm in the Archdiocese:

- Villa Rosa Nursing Home is a comprehensive care nursing facility located in Bowie, Maryland, administered by the Missionary Fathers and Sisters of St. Charles Borromeo.
- Sacred Heart Home in Hyattsville, Maryland, operated by the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate, provides quality and comprehensive long-term health care to 100 elderly residents in a warm, loving atmosphere.
- Holy Cross Hospital Hospice Services allows those with a terminal or life-threatening illness to be cared for in their home environment during the terminal stages of an illness.
- Victory Housing’s 18 senior living facilities across the archdiocese serve hundreds of low- to moderate-income senior citizens.

Priests Serving the Sick

As a pastor in Washington, Lanham and Hyattsville, Msgr. Joseph Ranieri carried out the ministry of parish priests and priest chaplains, in visiting and bringing the sacraments to people in area hospitals and nursing homes, in times of joy, such as when a new baby is born, and in times of sadness, when a family is facing a loved one's death. As coordinator of pastoral care of priests, now he has the special responsibility of ministering to retired priests. Speaking of priests' ministry to people in health care institutions, Msgr. Ranieri said, "The greatest privilege is, you are administering a sacrament, which is the extension of God's mercy and love here on earth. Also, it's the sense of peace and joy you bring to people by your presence, because you're (representing) the presence of Christ."

Catholic Healthcare: How to Help

Contact Information for Volunteers or Donations

Sacred Heart Home
Call 301-277-6500.

Villa Rosa Nursing Home
Call 301-459-4700.

Long term volunteers are needed to assist with the sick and disabled, providing services such as socialization, reading to the residents, being a friend who visits regularly, taking trips as companions and serving meals. Volunteers will become a part of the home's family network.

Carroll Manor
Call 202-269-7719.

Jeanne Jugan Residence

Donations and volunteers are needed. Volunteers are needed assisting with arts and crafts, book club, events, nail spa, reading to residents, providing transportation to appointments and outings, assisting with serving meals, bed-making, seamstress/tailor work and folding laundry. For more information, please visit www.littlesistersofthepoorwashingtondc.org.

Holy Cross Hospice

Administrative volunteers are needed in the office, as well as volunteers who will go into the homes of patients for friendly visits to talk with the patients, play music, and practically assist caregivers.

Monetary donations are also accepted.

For more information, please call Volunteer Services at 301-754-7744.

Catholic Charities' Spanish Catholic Center depends on private contributions and volunteers to continue expanding its services. To make a donation or volunteer, visit www.catholiccharitiesdc.org.

The Archdiocesan Health Care Network connects low-income and uninsured patients with specialized, pro bono health care services. Patients are referred from community-based health clinics. Through a network of specialists of all practices and several area hospitals, thousands receive desperately needed health services each year.

To donate: Call 202-481-1429.

To volunteer: The pro bono specialists who treat our patients are the life of the Network. The Network is always seeking more health care providers. Call 202-481-1429.



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A boy receives dental care at a Spanish Catholic Center clinic.



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that nurture human development, and

faith

that manifests spiritual renewal.

As God was with those who first
accepted the challenge,

“You will be my witnesses” (Acts 1:8),

so God is with us as we accept the
summons to be His witnesses today in
all that we say and do.

Working together, we can realize the
dream of a world of justice, truth,
kindness, compassion, solidarity, peace
and love.

The sum of all our
efforts is the
Catholic Impact.



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